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TAGS: PROP SOPN UR US

SUBJECT: SOVIET PAPER ATTACK AGAINST US CORRESPONDENTS

REF: (A) MOSCOW 10698 (C) (B) MOSCOW 10699

1. IF IT STILL AVAILABLE, WOULD APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSCRIPT OF MARK HOPKINS-AL FRIENDLY TELCON OF ABOUT MAY 27, WHICH WAS RECORDED WITH FRIENDLY'S PERMISSION. ACCORDING TO FRIENDLY, LATEST LITGAZ ARTICLE (OF JULY 7; REFTELS A AND B) REFERRING TO CHARGES HE CONDUCTED ESPIONAGE IN USSR, CITES VOA AS QUOTING HIM AS FOLLOWS: "INTEREST IN MATTERS OF A MILITARY NATURE IS COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDABLE AND IS EXPLAINED BY THE FACT THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO LEARN THE FACTUAL STATE OF AFFAIRS FROM SOVIET NEWSPAPERS."

2. EMBASSY'S READING OF LITGAZ ARTICLE IS THAT TEXT DELIBERATELY FUDGES PRECISE SOURCE OF REMARKS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO FRIENDLY.

3. NEVERTHELESS, EMBASSY WISHES TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE. THUS, IN ADDITION FULL TRANSCRIPT, PER PARA ONE ABOVE, WOULD APPRECIATE TEXTS ANY VOA  
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RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE SERVICE COVERAGE QUOTING FRIENDLY

ON CHARGES LAUNCHED BY LITGAZ. MATLOCK

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